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"DON'T WORRY!"

There is nothing commoner than the advice not to worry. It runs trippingly from the tongue; its watery unction slops the common way. But the only man we ever heard of who was able to profit by it was one who lived in New Mexico in early days, and when he came home one afternoon and found that the Indians had run off with all his stock and hung his scalped wife and children on meat hooks by the throat, all he felt called upon to say was "How perfectly ridiculous." He was a man who never worried. But it was learned that his fadless optimism had come of an attack of brain fever which had left him with a defective cerebral responsiveness.

The average man must worry, because worry is a part of his mental organization, put in him for a purpose. Worry has its good uses. If a general never worries over the plans of the enemy he will be asleep some night when his army is surprised. If a business man never worries over competition he also may be caught napping. If a shepherd never worries over the wanderings of his flock, the wolves will wax fat. We all must worry if we are going to do our full work in the world and keep from avoidable harm—but we needn't fuss! There is where we can and should show our self-control. As well say "don't worry" as "don't think!" Both processes are in large degree involuntary; but we may, in thinking avoid expression; we need not run at the mouth. And when worrying we may cultivate the habit of silence; we may avoid stewing and fretting and thus demoralizing those who might otherwise help us out. No doubt Grant and Lee worried before every battle but they grew more tense and silent all the time. They didn't fuss; they dissembled well, having the nerve to do it, and so they kept up the hope and spirits of those about them. Napoleon worried so much that his constitution could stand but seven years of the further worry at St. Helena and he died in the prime of life. But upon that lion face no shadow of inward perturbations ever came.

Worry you must unless you are like the man in New Mexico, but if you have any stamina at all you can keep from showing worry.

The Pistol at England's Head

The Dutch propose to strengthen their already adequate maritime defences by spending upon them and upon the navy some \$20,000,000; to leave their land defences in their present weak, neglected, and unsatisfactory condition; and to convert Flushing into a formidable naval base and arsenal, thus dominating the mouth of the Scheldt and blocking access to the port of Antwerp. Their scheme, in short, is precisely what it would be if they were expecting a naval attack from Great Britain, if they had abandoned any fear that their neutrality might be violated by Germany, and if they were determined to exercise a decisive control over the destinies of Belgium. Moreover the note accompanying the introduction of the bill appeared to indicate naval co-operation with some other power as one of the contingencies which its framers had in view, and the Power in question, it was at once inferred, could only be Germany.

The conclusion which Europe all but unanimously drew from this startling development of Dutch policy was that the statements of the Netherlands had somehow or other been enticed by the Wilhelmstrasse within the orbit of German influence. The government of the Netherlands have emphatically denied that their scheme owed anything whatever to foreign pressure or inspiration, but their declarations have not carried a more than limited confidence. It is clear, in the first place, that Germany and Germany alone benefits by the proposals put forward in the Dutch Defence Bill. Among the English, the French, and the Belgians, they have aroused considerable and legitimate disquietude, so much so that the French Minister for Foreign Affairs declared, a few weeks ago, that the projected fortification of Flushing "entails conversations between the various Powers which are called upon to guarantee the neutrality of Belgium." Among those Powers is Germany herself, and it was to Germany that M. Pichon's remarks were mainly addressed. The conversations he proposed would, he added, be quite amicable and could nowhere be misinterpreted. Germany, however, frigidly refused to discuss the matter in any way, and even affected to regard M. Pichon's proposal as a curtailment of the sovereign rights of the Netherlands. The present position, therefore, is that, while there is no proof, there is a strong suspicion that Germany is the true author of the Dutch Defence Bill.—Sydney Brooks, in Harper's Weekly.

San Francisco's Fair

San Francisco's preparations for the coveted international exhibition in 1915 to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal are described, with illustrations, in the April number of Popular Mechanics Magazine. The fair management has not yet selected a site, although a plot taken by one of the San Francisco newspapers indicates that Golden Gate Park, comprising 1,013 acres, and with much adjoining vacant property, is preferred by a majority of the people. Tentative plans for the exposition favor a lagoon in the shape of the Pacific Ocean with the buildings grouped around it. Eight western states through their legislatures have already voted appropriations for state buildings and exhibits. Pledges from China, Japan and the Philippines total \$6,000,000. The directors have promised a \$50,000,000 exposition.

Tiny Gland Controls Growth

"Giantism," or the growth of a human body to abnormal stature, is discussed in the April number of Popular Mechanics Magazine, in connection with the case of John Turner of Washington, D. C. At the time of his death, Turner weighed 343 pounds; was 7 feet 7 inches tall, with hands 16 inches long; spread of outstretched arms was 8 feet 11 inches, and his vertical reach 10 feet 4 inches. The illness which eventually ended Turner's life was one of a series of attacks of the so-called disease of "giantism" which marked his life from infancy. The article states:

"Lying at the center of the base of the brain is a curious little gland about the size of a buckshot; perhaps in size and color it more nearly approaches the common garden currant than any other object. It is known as the 'pituitary gland.'"

"Medical authorities conclude that this little pituitary gland exercises a governing influence on the growth of the human body, and when it has reached a normal size it shuts off any further growth, just as the governor on a steam engine shuts off the steam from the engine when the requisite amount of power has been furnished. When this gland becomes diseased, its restraining functions cease and the victim continues to grow at the expense of both mental and physical strength."

Health Conditions in Manila

From the point of view of healthfulness the citizens of Manila have much for which they should thank the American occupation of the islands. The average mortality last year was 20 per cent. less than it had been during the previous nine years.

In 1901 it was 43.18 a thousand. In 1910 it was 24.93 a thousand. In spite of the fact that the city has increased considerably in size there were 1560 less deaths during the last fiscal year than during the preceding year.

An analysis of the causes of death shows that approximately one-half of the improvement was due to the decreased mortality from intestinal disease, which in turn may be due to the improved water service which has recently been installed in Manila.

The remainder of the improvement is largely due to the decreased number of cases of convulsions in children. An increase of 41 deaths from beriberi, 125 from tuberculosis of the lungs, 119 from tetanus, 35 from bronchopneumonia and 46 from pneumonia has been reported.

The death rate by nationalities is as follows: Americans, 12.93; Filipinos, 26.88; Spaniards, 15.65; other Europeans, 21.73; Chinese, 18.33; all others, 24.1.

Apparently it is more healthful to be a Yankee in Manila than a citizen

Uncle Walt The Poet Philosopher

When tireless agents greet me with smiles from ear to ear, and do their best to beat me, just as they did last year, by selling fruit trees fruitless, or cornets that are toothless, or other junk that's bootless, I know that spring is here. When I am tired and bilious, and feeling stale and queer, and doctors supercilious about my poor appearance, and dope me up with potions, and rub me down with lotions that stir up strange emotions, I know that spring is here. When to its pasture fragrant proceeds the lowing steer; when from his lair the vagrant comes forth, intent on beer; when I see neighbors slushin' around their gardens, thrashin' in idiotic fashion, I know that spring is here. When truant schoolboys, naughty, go fishing at the weir; and women all grow dotty, as in the yester-year, and tear the house to pieces, to scrub where dust or grease is, just like so many geeses, I know that spring is here. When flies begin to tickle the victim's nose and ear; when skeeters prod and prick, with small but poignant spear; when birds come back and bring us the songs they used to sing us, and bees come up and sting us, I know that spring is here.

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of New York, Chicago or Philadelphia. Those cities announce in recent vital statistics respective death rates of 15.29, 15.5 and 16.85 a thousand.—New York Medical Journal.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

PURSER PETER PHILLIPS—When the Mauna Kea came in this morning the Senator was away out. We did not pass near her at all.

ALFRED CARTER—The thimbleberry is a pest on the Parker ranch but the Department of Agriculture and Forestry expects to find a disease which will kill it off.

J. F. ROCK—The passion-vine is spreading from Oahu College into the lower Manoa valley. It is also becoming a pest in East Maui. The Board of Agriculture and Forestry is at work on the matter.

LORRIN ANDREWS—I think that it is about time that we got some theatrical opposition. The shows that we are having now are very much poorer than they were a few months ago.

E. M. EHRHORN, Supt. of Etymology—The importation of banana plants from Central America and other areas about the Gulf of Mexico should be checked for the protection of the banana plants here.

HIGH SHERIFF HENRY—I should very much like to make a call on the captain of the Senator, and serve him with papers citing him for contempt of court, and perhaps I shall have a chance to do so.

DAVID DOWSETT—Yes, I am back. As to the New York girl, I should say that she is not a type like the San Francisco girl. She comes from everywhere and is yet unclassified. Personally I take to the San Francisco girl every time.

DR. BRUCE McV. MACKALL—The territory has had charge of the police shops for twenty-one years, whereas the city and county has had charge for only two years. For the condition of the police shops the territory is responsible in the ratio of 21 to 2.

W. M. GIFFARD—If the Park Commission had more money it would clean out the limu in the ponds and other watercourses, put in an artesian well, create a lake and improve the undeveloped parts of the tract. But it gets only about enough for the running expenses.

HENRY COBB ADAMS—Over to windward, in my part of the island, we live an ideal life. We have plenty of

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HOUSE

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measures passed third reading unanimously.

Air Brakes Bill.

A report of the health and police committee on Yates' bill to provide for the use of air brakes on all street railways in the Territory of Hawaii, giving reasons why the bill should be tabled, was adopted. It was shown that the Rapid Transit Co. of Honolulu was going to put air brakes on its heavier cars, Yates made a stand for the bill, saying he had introduced it by request. Chairman Coney of the health committee replied. Marcellino argued that a measure of the kind was desirable. He moved that action be deferred until Tuesday morning, which was lost.

School Bill Deferred.

On motion of Rice the school maintenance bill from the Senate was deferred until Tuesday, so that action might first be had on the taxation bill.

A majority report of the finance committee on Senate bill relating to taxes and their disposition, recommending its passage, was deferred until Monday, on motion of Chairman Rice, to wait a minority report.

A petition was received from the High School Alumni Association in favor of the school bill.

That French Silverware.

A majority report of the finance committee tabling the concurrent resolution to present Prince Jonah K. Kalaniana'ole with the silver service presented by the King of France to the Kingdom of Hawaii, and submitted a substitute resolution to deliver the silverware to Prince Jonah K. Kalaniana'ole on payment of one dollar. Williamson dissented from the report. The report was adopted.

The Kau Ditch.

The Kau ditch concurrent resolution from the Senate was referred to the public lands committee.

The Senate bill to give corporations the right of eminent domain for irrigation purposes was referred to the judiciary committee.

County of Maui.

Senate bill amending the County Act so as to increase the salaries of elective officers of the County of Maui

was deferred on third reading until Monday, on motion of Kawewehi who said he had amendments to offer. An amendment by Cooke to make the act come into effect July 1, 1911, instead of upon approval is pending.

Explosives.

House bill to regulate the storage of explosives and inflammable oils was read through and passed second reading.

The House refused to concur in the Senate amendments to the mullet protection bill.

Four or five Senate bills on third reading were deferred.

Treatment of Leprosy.

Coney introduced a bill to authorize the Board of Health to permit or direct a patient at the Kalahehi hospital or the Molokai settlement to go to such other place or places and for such time or times as the Board may designate, but such permission or direction not to be construed as a discharge.

Williamson introduced a bill to amend the inheritance tax law.

Sunday School Invitation.

Members of the House were invited to the Sunday school exercises of the Moanalua and Kalahehi Sunday school at Haualemana, Kalahehi church, at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, with a luncheon to follow the exercises.

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